

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for annotating an item in a user interface of a media
2 production system, the method comprising
3 accepting signals from a user input device to select a part of a production
4 being processed by the media production system;
5 creating annotation information; and
6 storing the annotation information in association with the selected part of the
7 production.
1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 accepting signals from a user input device to create the annotation
3 information.
1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes text
2 information.
1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes capture of
2 drawing information.
1 5. The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes audio
2 information.
1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the annotation information is
2 automatically generated by a process executing on a digital system.
1 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising
2 wherein the annotation information is automatically generated at a
3 predetermined time.
1 8. The method of claim 6, further comprising
2 wherein the annotation information is automatically generated upon the
3 occurrence of a predetermined event.
1 9. A method for conveying the state of an application program to a
2 remote location, the method comprising
3 determining to capture the current state of operation of the application
4 program;
5 saving one or more settings of a current environment of the application
6 program as a recorded environment; and
7 transferring the recorded environment to a remote location.
1 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising

2 storing an image of a screen display for retrieval by a process at the remote
3 location if the remote location is unable to recreate the state of the application program.

1 11. A method for recreating the state of an application program at a
2 process executing at a location remote from the application program, wherein a recorded
3 environment includes settings for recreating the state of the application program, the method
4 comprising

5 receiving, over a digital network, the recorded environment;
6 executing another instance of the application program at the location remote
7 from the application program; and

8 using the instance and the recorded environment to recreate the state of the
9 application program at the location remote from the application program.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein an image of the state of the
2 application program is stored on a network, the method further comprising
3 determining that the instance cannot be used to recreate the state of the
4 application program at the location remote from the application program; and

5 in response to the step of determining, displaying the stored image at the
6 location remote from the application program.

1 13. A method for providing control of an application executing on a first
2 digital system at a first location to a user of a second digital system at a second location,
3 wherein the first and second digital systems are coupled by a communication link; wherein
4 the application includes a user interface control to modify a parameter, wherein the first and
5 second digital systems include first and second user input devices, respectively; the method
6 comprising

7 accepting signals from the first user input device to associate the user interface
8 control with the second user input device; and

9 accepting signals generated by the second user input device at the first digital
10 system to modify the parameter.